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is under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh for increasing the production of oilseeds including groundnut. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided on various critical inputs like production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and PSB/micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst farmers, frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. Besides, block and integrated pest management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture. A new component of crash programme for quality seed production of groundnut and soyabean has also been introduced during Ninth Plan. In order to meet the demand of seed during natural calamities, a seed bank programme has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan.

ICDP for coarse cereals and bee keeping in Andhra Pradesh

3804. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the Integrated Crop Development Programme to coarse cereals and bee keeping for the farmers of tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what role is being played by Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Andhra Pradesh has not been covered under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereal's Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals). However, the development of coarse cereals in the State was covered under Integrated Cereal's Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) during the first three and half years of 9th Plan. Emphasis under the scheme was laid on cropping system approach for the improvement of productivity of cereals crops

including coarse cereals in rice based cropping system areas of the State including tribal areas. The scheme was implemented through the State Government. Under the scheme, assistance was provided to the farmers on seed, farm implements and sprinkler sets so as to motivate them to adopt improved crop production technology. Besides, field demonstrations and farmers training were also organised for the effective transfer of crop production technology.

Similarly, a Central Sector Scheme for the "Development of Bee Keeping for Improving Crop Productivity" was also in operation in the State in order to tap the pollination power of the honey bees for enhancing crop productivity. The scheme was implemented through State designated agency nominated by the State and assistance was provided for transfer of technology, production and distribution of bee colonies, supply of equipments and promotion of research and development. Both the above mentioned schemes were in operation till October, 2000 when Macro Management Mode of Agriculture Development was launched.

From October, 2000, ICDP-Rice and many other schemes including Scheme on bee keeping have been subsumed under Macro Management Mode with a view to provide flexibility to the States including Andhra Pradesh to adopt regionally differentiated technology suited to their agro-climatic conditions. A sum of Rs. 1362.79 lakh as Government of India share has been released to Andhra Pradesh under the Macro Management Mode Scheme during 2000-2001 for implementation of various activities as per the action plan of the State.

Bifurcation of DARE

3805. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to bifurcate the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such bifurcation?